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11. (C) Summary: Bernard Rouault, an official at the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Project Coordination Office in Tashkent, told poloff on April 14 that the Government of Uzbekistan had finally approved most of the projects proposed on its 2009 submission after a prolonged seven month waiting period. There are 14 projects in all three dimensions, but a common denominator is that they are "safe" and generally do not delve into sensitive issues or, if they do, it is in a very sanitized format. As usual, there were also some denials, but also a surprise addition of a project that OSCE did not even propose. There is no indication that Uzbekistan will suspend participation in OSCE over jealousy of next year's Kazakh chairmanship, but OSCE is still kept at arm's length and used mainly for the government's convenience. End summary.